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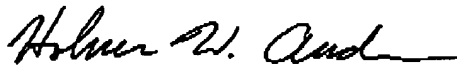
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2004, entry of this response is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 are currently pending, of which claims 1, 10, 19, 28, 34, 40, 46, 53 and 57 are independent claims. All of the claims were rejected. Claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28, 32-34, 38-40, 44-46, 50-53 and 57 are currently amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-57 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Casey in view of Mauger. Applicant strongly urges the Office to more closely study the references of the cited combination because those references do not address the problem solved by the present invention and do not illustrate the network topology which creates the problem solved by the present invention. The